

MEMO
DATE: October 28, 1988
ADVICE No.: T-88-411
FROM: Bruce Robeck *Bruce Robeck*
RE: Telephone advice to Ronald Sohigian, Superior Court Judge
CODE: Section 87200(a)(2), 82020.

FACTS A newly appointed superior court judge was sworn-in to office on October 1st. Prior to assuming office, the judge had made political contributions from personal funds but did not have any filing obligations because of the contribution activity. He has not made any contributions nor has he received any contributions since he was sworn-in.

QUESTION What is the campaign disclosure obligation of a newly appointed judge and when does the filing obligation begin?

ANSWER A newly appointed judge incurs a campaign disclosure filing obligation:

- (1) from the date of swearing-in through the remainder of the calendar year (no activity prior to being sworn-in would trigger a new filing obligation as as a judge;
- (2) any contributions or expenditures after being sworn-in to office may create a filing obligation for the judge (a 470 or a 490).

Note: SB 2798, Ch. 708, Stats. 1988 changes the filing obligation of a judge who contributes less than \$1,000 from personal funds.